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Dear Jim,

We have had no contact for many months during which time I have been quite ill & I'm sure you have been mentally ill from the strain of events at Ole Miss. Dave probably turned over in his grave.

Receiving this past week in the Virginia Quarterly an excerpt from his manuscript of ~~Memories~~ I am curious to know what became of the complete copy. At one time, shortly after he died you wrote that you would try & publish them.

I am particularly interested because he wrote that manuscript while he was living with us & page by page had me read it & asked my advice. Aside from dedicating a book to us, I felt this was the greatest compliment ever paid to me by anyone.

He had only one copy & when he took off for Europe one time



he entrusted it to our care & we promptly put it in our safety deposit in the bank. Somehow he never thought it came off properly nor did several publishers to whom he submitted it.

However - shortly after he ~~died~~ you wrote that you would try & have it published & that was the last I heard. Lack of continuity.

As I remember, there were many beautiful passages such as the Virginia Quarterly saw fit to publish & I am most anxious to have a copy of it in its entirety for my own edification even if it never gets published. If you find it impossible to have it copied there I would appreciate ever so much having it sent here (registered mail) & would return it to you simply having a copy made for myself. Dave always told me publishers found lack of continuity & he hoped one day to re-write as he did many times - but never got around to it



again.

My winter has been, literally, a nightmare. I fell on my spine last July & have not had a peaceful moment since. And I'm sure you have had an uncomfortable time also with the integration mess at Ole Miss.

Please - if you <sup>can</sup> spare a moment - write with regard to the manuscript. I assure you I only want a copy for myself to which I think I am entitled.

kindest regards to you & your family

Sincerely,  
Nathalie Newton.

David's sister - in the event you have forgotten.